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*411 Withdrawn.

Representation of minorities in police/para-military forces

*412. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities and National Integration Council have recommended a police force with adequate representations of minorities therein; and

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The National Commission for Minorities made the following recommendations in their Annual Report for year 1995-96.

(i) Relaxation of educational and other qualifications in the case of minority communities candidates for recruitment to the Central Police Forces on the lines of similar relaxations granted to the SC/ST candidates.

(ii) Relaxation of the educational & the other qualifications in the case of minority communities candidates for recruitment to

State Police Forces on the lines of the relaxations granted to the SC/ST candidates.

The National Integration Council has not made any recommendation in this regard.

(b) The Government did not accept the recommendation as there is no provision for relaxation on the basis of religion. However, all possible steps are taken to ensure that the candidates belonging to minorities are sufficiently motivated to come forward for appointment to police organizations. The Government had advised the Central Para Military Forces to ensure sufficient representation to minorities by making the potential candidates from the minority community aware of the employment opportunities/recruitment programmes and the incentives/prospects available in these Forces. Recruitment Boards have also been advised to send special information to the minority communities run institutions/ organizations with a view to encouraging candidates from these communities to apply for the recruitment in Central Para Military Forces.

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Sir, 18th December is a Protection of Minorities' Rights Day. The police functions as a mirror of society. To establish their importance as a legitimate force in society, the police should reflect ethnic diversity in their composition. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the present composition of police and Central Para-Military Forces reflects this ethnic diversity in the country.

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I emphatically say it does represent. If I give you the figures of the Central Para-Military Forces and the representation of the minorities, they also show it. Even in the States, it does represent. In addition to that, we have already taken action, so far as the recommendations of the National Commission for Minorities are concerned. And we have told the Central Para-Military Forces that whenever recruitment is made, all the Boards have, at least, one member belonging to the minority communities on them, including the Selection Boards. Steps have been taken, and, the result, thereof, is that in the Central Para-Military Forces, a good number of representatives of the minority communities are there.

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Sir, my second supplementary is this. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is the percentage of minorities in the entire composition of the police force. It will reflect whether there is a proper representation or not.

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the total percentage of minorities in the country against the total population is about 17 per cent. In the ITBP, CRPF, CISF, BSF and Assam Rifles, which are the Central Paramilitary Forces, the representation of minorities is 7.79 per cent, 12.09 per cent, 10.82 per cent, 12.58 per cent and 13.37 per cent respectively, and the total percentage of representation is 11.39.

SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, while these figures are being maintained, as regards the recruitment of minorities to the Central Paramilitary Forces, is it also being ensured, at the time of recruitment, that they meet the minimum qualifications?

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, what the hon. Member has said is correct. The minimum educational qualifications and the age limit are also being observed. No relaxation is given.

SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Sir, this is regarding the Rapid Action Force. We are given to understand, I stand corrected if I am not right, that when it was constituted, it was decided that one-third of the personnel of the Rapid Action Force would be from the minorities. Is it correct? If it is so, what is the percentage of minorities in the Rapid Action Force?

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, there was no such stipulation anywhere that one-third of the personnel of the Rapid Action Force would from the minorities. There was no such thing. There is no such separate thing.

SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): What is the percentage of minorities now?

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, it is a part of the CRPF. The Rapid Action Force is part of the CRPF.

**413. [The questioner (Shri Rama Muni Reddy Sirigireddy) was absent for answer vide pages 47-48.]*

Use of obsolete equipment by NSG

*414. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Security Guards are using obsolete equipment of 1980 acquired at the time of their raising.